

## Article 2: Health Regulated Businesses and Activities

### Division 11: Food Caterers and Catering Equipment Rentals

*(“Food Caterers and Catering Equipment Rentals”*

*added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.)*

#### §42.1101 Definitions

Whenever in this division, the following terms are used, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

- (a) CATERER. A business which prepares food for a catering function for events such as, but not limited to, picnics, weddings, banquets, parties, gatherings.
- (b) CATERING VEHICLE. A vehicle upon which food, beverages and related serving equipment are transported related to a catering function.
- (c) CATERING FUNCTION. Any event where a caterer provides food for a person or persons at other than an existing health regulated establishment. A catering function shall not include those functions that are conducted by persons engaged or employed in youth organizations, churches, church societies, private clubs or other nonprofit associations of a religious, philanthropic, civic improvement, youth development, social, political, or educational nature which purchase food, food products, or beverages, for service without charge to their members, or for service or sale at a reasonable charge to their members or to the general public at fund-raising events, for consumption on or off the premises at which the food, food products, or beverages are served or sold, if the service or sale of such food, food products or beverages does not constitute a primary purpose or function of the club or association, and if no employee or member is assigned full time to care for or operate equipment used in such an arrangement.
- (d) CATERING EQUIPMENT RENTAL ESTABLISHMENT. A catering equipment rental establishment is an establishment that provides food service utensils such as dishes, tableware, pots and pans to caterers or to the public but does not provide catering services.
- (e) DEPARTMENT. The San Diego County Department of Health Services when enforcing the terms of this Chapter for the City of San Diego.  
*(“Definitions” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.)*

**§42.1102 Application of Ordinances**

The provisions of Chapter IV of the San Diego Municipal Code, Division I, Title 6, of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances, and the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL) relative to food handler training and the preparation and distribution of food apply to caterers and caterer operations.  
(*“Application of Ordinances” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1103 Health Permits and Fees**

Persons operating as caterers and catering equipment rental establishments are considered to be operating a health regulated establishment and are subject to public health permit requirements as specified in Section 61.110 of the San Diego County Code. Such persons shall pay the permit fees prescribed for restaurants in Section 65.107(a) of the San Diego County Code and shall be subject to penalties for delinquent fee payment as set forth in Sections 65.104 and 65.105 of San Diego County Code.  
(*“Health Permits and Fees” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1104 Notification of Catering Events**

When requested by the Deputy Director of Environmental Health Services, caterers shall notify the Department of the time, date and location of each catering function in a manner specified by the Department.  
(*“Notification of Catering Events” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1105 Potentially Hazardous Foods**

All potentially hazardous foods as defined in Section 27531 of the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law that are stored, held, transported or served by a caterer must be protected from contamination and kept at temperatures as required by California State law.  
(*“Potentially Hazardous Foods” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1106 Toilet Facilities**

Adequate toilet and handwashing facilities, as determined by the Deputy Director of Environmental Health Services, must be reasonably available in the vicinity of any location where food is prepared or served.  
(*“Toilet Facilities” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1107 Catering Vehicles**

No person or company shall operate or cause to be operated, a catering vehicle without complying with the following:

- (a) Such person or company shall have a valid health permit as required in Section 61.192 of the San Diego County Code.
- (b) Foods and food containers shall be carried in compartments with cleanable interior surfaces.
- (c) Vehicles shall be maintained in a clean condition.  
(*“Catering Vehicles” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

**§42.1108 Catering Equipment Rental Establishment**

No person or company shall operate or cause to be operated, a catering equipment rental establishment without complying with the following:

- (a) All food service equipment shall be stored in a building that meets the requirements of the California State law.
- (b) All food service equipment such as dishes, glassed, tableware, pots and pans shall be cleaned and sanitized by methods prescribed in the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law.  
(*“Catering Equipment Rental Establishment” added 1-23-1989 by O-17223 N.S.*)

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